

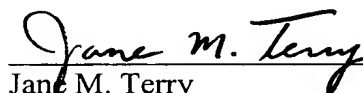
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Original Claims 1-15 have been currently amended, and new Claims 16-20 have been added. Original Claims 1-15 are based on Claims 1-15 of PCT Application No. PCT/EP03/01472, as originally filed. Support for the amended and new claims can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. Particular support for amended Claims 1-9 and 11-13 can be found in the respective original claims. Particular support for amended Claim 10 can be found in original Claim 10, and on page 13 of the specification. Particular support for amended Claims 14 and 15 can be found in the respective original claims, and on pages 13 and 14 of the specification. Particular support for new Claims 16-18 can be found in original Claims 11-13, respectively. Particular support for new Claims 19 and 20 can be found in original Claims 14 and 15, respectively, and on pages 13 and 14 of the specification. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the amended and new claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and request early notice of such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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